

## 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment	
02/11/2021	11:13	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	84 social housing units! I fully support this great project. This is what we need.	Ken Paquette		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.	
02/11/2021	12:39	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	I would like to strongly urge Council to support rezoning for the social housing development at 1766 Frances St. by the Vancouver Native Housing Society. Vancouver desperately needs more housing overall, and especially social housing for those at higher risk of displacement. Please honour your commitment to Reconciliation and approve this social housing development to allow space for more families to live and thrive in this city.	Shannon Tolleson			Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.	
02/11/2021	13:19	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Vancouver, BC, February 10, 2021 Re: 'VNHS Social Housing Redevelopment at 1766 Frances Street Dear Mayor and Members of Council, This letter is in support of Vancouver Native Housing Society's (VNHS's) proposal to redevelop and expand their affordable housing at 1766 Frances Street. I trust my words will strengthen their application to rezone the property and allow the project to progress closer to construction. As a private citizen I am very much in support of the long-awaited rezoning and redevelopment of VNHS's Frances Street site in order to renew and enhance the affordable housing stock owned by this impactful and well-respected Society in Vancouver's Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood. VNHS's plan to replace the damaged building with a new, Passive House-certified, 81-unit social housing complex for urban Indigenous families and singles represents an important opportunity to boost Vancouver's increasingly scarce affordable rental housing supply and contribute to the City's climate targets, while also meeting the needs of the city's growing urban Indigenous population. VNHS currently provides and manages nearly 900 units of affordable rental housing in Vancouver. They have a strong reputation for supporting the urban Indigenous community and for their leadership in affordable housing in the lower mainland. Over the last 36 years, they have proven their ability to consistently fulfill their mandate to provide safe, secure, affordable housing through the various buildings that they currently own and operate, through a wide range of operational models. This redevelopment is the ideal project to permit a modest increase in height and density allowance for. I have no doubt that this decision will support the development's viability, and it will benefit the community by enabling VNHS to deliver affordable, sustainable and culturally-appropriate housing for urban Indigenous people once again at Frances Street. They will bring their passion for community care and the empowerment of Indigenous people as well as their housing management experience to the project and ensure it meets the specific needs of the community and neighbourhood context. This redevelopment will replace lost homes for former tenants and expand opportunities for more Indigenous families to benefit from affordable rental housing. Should VNHS be successful in rezoning this site, [insert name of the Organization providing the letter] will be thrilled to support their efforts in any way possible. Sincerely, Kate Spence M. Ed, Surrey School District, s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Kate Spence			Hastings-Sunrise	No web attachments.	
02/11/2021	13:33	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	BCACCS is very much in support of the long-awaited rezoning and redevelopment of VNHS's Frances Street site in order to renew and enhance the affordable housing stock owned by this impactful and well-respected Society in Vancouver's Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood. VNHS's plan to replace the damaged building with a new, Passive House-certified, 81-unit social housing complex for urban Indigenous families and singles represents an important opportunity to boost Vancouver's increasingly scarce affordable rental housing supply and contribute to the City's climate targets, while also meeting the needs of the city's growing urban Indigenous population. We are excited to share that BCACCS has committed to partnering with VNHS to operate the out-of-school-care program that is proposed for the project. BCACCS has a very long history of providing culturally rich, quality Indigenous child care in East Vancouver (through our Aboriginal Head Start Preschools, Singing Frog and Eagle's Nest), we operate the Aboriginal Child Care Resource and Referral program which provides training, resources and support to Indigenous educators and families across BC, and we have been authorized by the BC First Nations Leadership Council to be the coordinating body for the implementation of the nation Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework in BC. With the current provincial and city crisis in a shortage of child care spaces the program that is proposed for this site is critically needed and would represent the first Indigenous operated out-of-school care project in the city. The program would be located within walking distance to the only Indigenous focus school in the city, 'pey'. VNHS currently provides and manages nearly 900 units of affordable rental housing in Vancouver. They have a strong reputation for supporting the urban Indigenous community and for their leadership in affordable housing in the lower mainland. Over the last 36 years, they have proven their ability to consistently fulfill their mandate to provide safe, secure, affordable housing through the various buildings that they currently own and operate, through a wide range of operational models. This redevelopment is the ideal project to permit a modest increase in height and density allowance for. I have no doubt that this decision will support the development's viability, and it will benefit the community by enabling VNHS to deliver affordable, sustainable and culturally-appropriate housing for urban Indigenous people once again at Frances Street. Please see our complete submission attached.	Kirsten Bevelander	BC Aboriginal Child Care Society			Unknown	Appendix A
02/11/2021	14:00	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, Please accept this note as a strong voice of support for VNHS's proposal at 1766 Frances St. VNHS provides exceptional services for their tenants, clients and the community at large. In my view, and on behalf of the Bloom Group Community Services Society, I have no hesitation in voicing our support for this project. Additionally, having a non-profit owned social housing project that targets a Passive House standard will only improve the capacity of the nonprofit industry to continue to move in this direction in other projects in the City and the Province. These standards will help drive down traditional operating costs and drive even more affordability to the project, increasing a shared knowledge base and the sustainability of VNHS and other organizations who pursue this standard as we all move forward. Thank you, Graham Wood	Graham Wood	The Bloom Group			Unknown	No web attachments.
02/11/2021	14:28	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Please see attached Vancouver School Board support letter shared with BC Aboriginal Child Care Society in support of the 1766 Frances Street Project.	Kirsten Bevelander	BC Aboriginal Child Care Society			Unknown	Appendix B
02/11/2021	15:32	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I strongly support this proposal. There is no reason that in 2021, a 9 storey building should require council approval, or consume any of council's valuable time. Council has many important problems to solve, debating a 9 storey building isn't one of them. In 1921, many 9 storey and taller buildings were built with zero council input, and there was no planning department. Those buildings have been and continue to be a vital source of housing, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This building could have been taller and could have had higher FSR, missed opportunity in my opinion, but still happy to see it move forward. If neighbours are concerned about parking, this means the public is short changing itself by charging too little for parking. Council should fix that rather than let housing be derailed by drivers. Concerns about whether this is consistent with any current planning documents assume those documents were designed to protect the public, rather than protect landowners and status seekers. I participated in several sessions that led to the GW plan and it was clear the goal was to keep GW exclusive and expensive by directing all future growth directly on top of existing tenants, rather than on top of owner occupied land. Please support this proposal, thank you	Stuart Smith				Unknown	No web attachments.



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February 10, 2021

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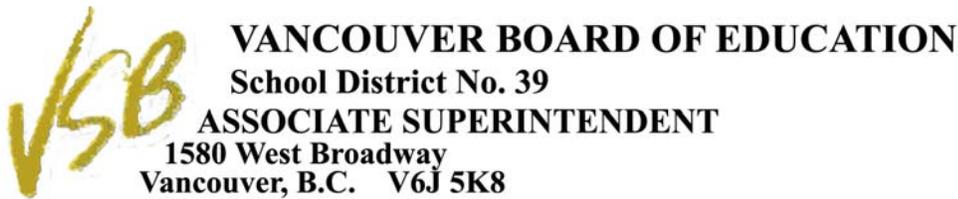
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Sincerely

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February 11, 2021

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